



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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Dear Reader,

Enclosed for your review is the Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP)/ Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the King Range National Conservation Area. The Draft RMP/Draft EIS was published in January 2004, and was followed by a 90-day public comment period. Changes based upon public comments and agency reviews have been incorporated into this document. Comments and responses are contained in Chapter 6 of the Final EIS.

The Final EIS addresses the Proposed RMP, which is a refinement of the preferred alternative presented in the Draft RMP. The Proposed RMP is the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) proposed action.

All parts of this Proposed RMP may be protested. Protests should be sent to the following address:

Director (210), Bureau of Land Management,
Attention: Brenda Williams
P.O. Box 66538
Washington, D.C. 20035

The overnight address (FedEx or USPS) for next day delivery:

Director (210), Bureau of Land Management
Attention: Brenda Williams
1620 L Street, N.W., Suite 1075
Washington, D.C. 20036

Faxed protests will be considered as potential valid protests provided: (1) that a signed faxed letter is received by the Washington Office protest coordinator by the closing date of the protest period, and (2) that the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period.

Please direct faxed protests to:

BLM Protest Coordinator
(202) 452-5112

Protests should be filed with the Director within the official 30-day review period following the publication of the document's Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register. It is anticipated that the NOA will appear November 12, 2004 with a protest filing deadline of December 12, 2004. A protest should contain the following information:

- The name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest.

- A statement of the issue or issues being protested.
- A Statement of the part of parts being protested.
- A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues that you submitted during the planning process or a reference to the date the issue or issues were discussed by you for the record.
- A short concise statement explaining why the BLM State Director decision is believed to be incorrect.

At the end of the 30-day protest period, the Proposed RMP, excluding any portions under protest, shall become the final. Approval shall be withheld on any portion of the plan under protest until final action has been completed on such protest. The Final Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision will be published in early 2005.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynda J. Roush". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle initial.

Lynda J. Roush
Field Manager